

Minutes
Town of Lake Park, Florida
Town Special Call Commission Meeting
July 23, 2003 7:30 p.m.
Town Commission Chambers, 535 Park Avenue

The Town Commission met for the purpose of a Special Call Town Commission Meeting on Wednesday, July 23, 2003 at 7:30 p.m. Present were Mayor Paul Castro, Vice-Mayor G. Chuck Balias, Commissioners Longtin, Otterson and Garretson, Town Manager Doug Drymon, Town Attorney Thomas Baird and Town Clerk Carol Simpkins.

Mayor Castro called the Meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and gave the Invocation. Commissioner Longtin led the Pledge of Allegiance. Town Clerk Carol Simpkins performed the Roll Call.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS

Calvin Giordano requested that an item concerning the Town's Evaluation and Appraisal Report be placed on the agenda.

MOTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Longtin to approve the July 23, 2003 Agenda; Vice Mayor Balias made the second.

Commissioner Garretson suggested that the Brownfields presentation be postponed until the August 6, 2003 Commission meeting and the Commission gave consensus.

Commissioner Longtin withdrew her motion and Vice Mayor Balias withdrew his second.

MOTION: Commissioner Longtin made a motion to approve the amended agenda with the two items. Vice Mayor Balias seconded the motion.

Vote on Motion:

Commission Member	Yes	No	Other
Commissioner Garretson	X		
Commissioner Otterson	X		
Commissioner Longtin	X		
Vice-Mayor Balias	X		

Mayor Castro	X		
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Motion passed 5-0

PRESENTATIONS:

The Town Commission presented the following proclamations for service to the Town of Lake Park:

Proclamation for Hoa Hoang, he thanked the Commission and the staff people that he works with.

Proclamation for Howard "Bud" Flynn, his son John Flynn accepted posthumously and said how much his father would have enjoyed being here.

Proclamation for Diane Weibert, she thank the Town and stated that the last year working in Lake Park has been the most exciting in her twenty two years of working in the Fire Department.

Proclamation for Claire Finnefrock, the Mayor read her proclamation and it will be sent to her. She is staying with her daughter in Albuquerque, NM.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

The following person addressed the Commission: Bert Bostrom, 1451 Flagler Blvd. announced that a National Tournament for Soccer may be held in northern Palm Beach County in 2006.

Diane Munroe, Hawthorne Blvd. asked that the height requirements on the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th stories of building in the PADD be checked.

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes of July 2, 2003 Commission Meeting, and the Minutes of July 16, 2003 Commission Meeting were approved.

REGULAR MEETING GOES INTO RECESS AT 8:00 PM

COMMISSION GOES INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

The following persons shall be in attendance at the following executive session:

Mayor Paul Castro, Vice-Mayor Chuck Balius, Commissioner Jeanine Longtin, Commissioner Bill Otterson, and Commissioner Paul Garretson. Also in

attendance will be the Town Manager, Doug Drymon and the Town Attorney Tom Baird.

The Commission will now move to the conference room.

REGULAR MEETING RECONVENCES

The time was 9:00 PM and the executive session was terminated.

The regular Commission meeting resumed at 9:00 PM.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 19-07-03

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF LAKE PARK, FLORIDA AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN EASEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN AND IN FAVOR OF THE SEACOAST UTILITY AUTHORITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Paul Carlisle presented the resolution.

MOTION: Commissioner Otterson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 19-07-03 and Vice Mayor Balias seconded the motion.

Vote on Motion:

Commission Member	Yes	No	Other
Commissioner Garretson	X		
Commissioner Otterson	X		
Commissioner Longtin	X		
Vice-Mayor Balias	X		
Mayor Castro	X		

Motion passed 5-0

ITEMS FOR DISUCCSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

EVALUATION AND APPRAISAL REPORT (EAR)

John Downs of Calvin Giordano explained why the Town's Evaluation and Appraisal Report (EAR) of 1998 was found insufficient (See Exhibit "A"). He suggested a plan to redo the Comprehensive plan that would also answer the concerns that the Department of Community Affairs expressed in the EAR and would meet the compliance standards for the Comprehensive Plan in 2006. It would be done in slow and progressive steps.

The Commission agreed that it should be done over a three-year period and budgeted over a three-year period.

John Downs of Calvin Giordano was given Commission consensus to move forward with a proposal to the DCA with a plan for a new Comprehensive Plan timeline that would be completed by 2006. The Commission will provide a resolution providing approval of the timeline and providing a budgetary amount if needed.

TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATE

Commissioner Garretson stated that he would like to lower the millage rate this year.

MOTION: A motion to set the tentative General Fund millage rate at 8.350 was made by Commissioner Garretson and seconded by Commissioner Otterson.

Vote on Motion:

Commissioner Member	Yes	No	Other
Commissioner Garretson	X		
Commissioner Otterson	X		
Commissioner Longtin		X	
Vice-Mayor Balius		X	
Mayor Castro		X	

Motion failed 2 to 3

MOTION: A motion to set the tentative millage rate at 8.3941 was made by Vice Mayor Balius and seconded by Commissioner Longtin.

Mayor Castro explained that the millage rate could be lowered when it is adopted as a final rate. It does not have to stay at 8.3941.

Vote on Motion:

Commissioner Member	Yes	No	Other
Commissioner Garretson		X	
Commissioner Otterson	X		
Commissioner Longtin	X		
Vice-Mayor Balius	X		
Mayor Castro	X		

Motion passed 4 to 1

MOTION: A motion to set the tentative debt millage rate at 2.77 was made by Vice Mayor Balius and seconded by Commissioner Longtin.

Vote on Motion:

Commissioner Member	Yes	No	Other
Commissioner Garretson	X		
Commissioner Otterson	X		
Commissioner Longtin	X		
Vice-Mayor Balius	X		
Mayor Castro	X		

Motion passed 5 to 0

DATE FOR PRIORITY WORKSHOP

By consensus the Commission set September 10, 2003 at 7:30 for a Priority Workshop.

COMMENTS BY COMMISSION, TOWN MANAGER AND TOWN ATTORNEY

Mayor Paul Castro

He requested a formal update on the Marina, and an update on Lowes and Westlake. He felt that the Town has bent over backward to assist Park Avenue BBQ and has not slowed them down. He requested that if they are having any problems to please contact the Town and let them know so that the issues may be resolved.

Vice Mayor G. Chuck Balus

He wished his wife, Donna a Happy 43rd Wedding Anniversary.

He requested that Community Development provide an update on the minimum housing code.

The window treatments at Westlake are painted on and are not what was agreed to. He would like the plans reviewed for the required window treatments and he would like the expression line checked also.

The fence code needs to be reviewed concerning front yard fenced and which way the fence should be turned.

Commissioner Bill Otterson

He expressed concern over the fact that the building that is supposed to provide office space for the police at Westlake is not ready yet. He would like staff to look into having a trailer put up for them to use until February.

Commissioner Paul Garretson

He requested that a firm amount on the cost of adding a motorman and a patrol officer unit to the Town's police force.

Commissioner Jeanine Longtin

She would like an update on the Fire Pension Fund issue and she would like an explanation of the Watertown Road Fund. An update on the administration building at Lake Park School and an update on annexation, and the Park Avenue lighting status was also requested by Commissioner Longtin.

She was concerned with peeling street name signs on Park Avenue.

She expressed concern over an unlocked door at the Parks and Recreation building between the police office and the rest of the building.

She would like to see the Monthly Newsletter mailed directly to the homeowners.

Does the Town need new dumpsters?

The Commissioner does not want to see the Town purchasing boats for classes but could support outsourcing the service.

She requested that citizens volunteer for Town Board Vacancies, the Blood Bank needs volunteers, the Library needs volunteers, Habitat for Humanity needs donations and she agreed with Mayor Castro that everyone should have their pets spayed or neutered.

Town Manager J. Douglas Drymon

No comment

Town Attorney Thomas J. Baird

Fire Pension; there has been a counter claim filed and we will be asking for a Summary Judgment sometime in the Fall (October or November).

Watertown Road; he is waiting for Mr. Freeman to respond.

He has sent a letter to Mr. Applebaum and given him 10 day to respond.

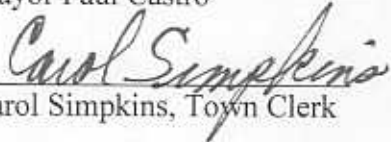
PADD; he has concluded that all of the requirements have been fulfilled in accordance to the State Statute and Town Code.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Commission, after a motion to adjourn by Vice Mayor Balius, seconded by Commissioner Garretson, by unanimous vote, the meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.



Mayor Paul Castro



Carol Simpkins, Town Clerk

Approved on this 6th day of August, 2003.